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FROM THE HONBLE. WILLIAM NELSON, ESQ.¹

YORK Feby 22 1753.

SIR,

I have received yours of the 12th. Instant, in which you express a Desire to be removed to the Adjutancy of the Northern Neck.² I think the thing so reasonable, that I wish you may succeed: however, I presume you are not unacquainted, that two Gentlemen have apply'd for it, & both strongly recommended; yet, Reason, I hope, will always prevail at the Board over Interest & Favour; upon which Principle you may expect all the Service that can be done you in the Affair by the Secretary, as well as by,

Sir, Your most hble Servt. WM. NELSON

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² Washington received the appointment November, 1753.